

Pappas Telecasting is 'donating \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves. I am a former broadcaster and this is outrageous that it is allowed to occur.

The FCC needs to be as strong as it was with the Janet Jackson superbowl moment. This is much more offensive than a flash of nudity. Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. I object to the renewal of any of the Pappas Licences. Thank you.